

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR
THE MONTANA STATE PLAN
CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006**

JANUARY 16, 2008

Part B, Section 122, (a) (3) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 stipulates that, "The eligible agency shall conduct public hearings in the State, after appropriate and sufficient notice, for the purpose of affording all segments of the public and interested organizations and groups (including charter school authorizers and organizers consistent with state law, employers, labor organizations, parents, students, and community organizations), an opportunity to present their views and make recommendations regarding the State plan. A summary of such recommendations and the eligible agency's response to such recommendations shall be included in the State plan."

The scheduled date for the Public Hearings is January 16, 2008, via interactive video. The hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Helena, Butte, Havre, Kalispell and Miles City; and at 1:00 p.m. in Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Havre, Kalispell, Miles City and Missoula. Both hearings will originate in Helena.

The hearing will be conducted as follows:

1. The designated Presiding Officer will conduct the hearing from the Helena site. Site Coordinators located at the remaining seven sites will recognize those individuals wishing to present a comment and/or recommendation.
2. All persons attending the hearing are requested to sign the attendance form provided.
3. The Eligible Agency will provide an overview of the purpose of the Perkins Grant, process for development of the State Plan and timelines.
4. Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and Office of Public Instruction staff will be available to answer questions prior to the date and time of the Public Hearings, but will not provide formal comment at the hearing. The January 16, 2008 meeting is the public's opportunity to be heard and the agencies' opportunity to listen.
5. The presiding officer will take comment on the state Plan by section and the related attachments.
6. Persons wishing to speak at each site will seek recognition from the Site Coordinator. The speaker will direct his/her comments and/or recommendations to the Presiding Officer in Helena. As the comments made at the hearing are being transcribed, persons addressing the chair are asked to state their name, organization they represent, if applicable, **and identify the page and section of the State Plan** to which the comment and/or recommendation refers.
7. The Presiding Officer may ask questions for purposes of clarifying a comment. Other participants at the hearing may not question the commentator or vice versa.
8. Individuals attending the hearing can submit written comment in lieu of or in addition to oral comment. These written comments will be submitted to the Site Coordinator or Presiding officer (Helena) who will mark the materials and identify who submitted them. Written comments and

recommendations may be submitted to the Dr. Arlene H. Parisot by fax (444-1469) or email to egingery@montana.edu and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. January 16, 2008.

9. In accordance with the Perkins Act of 2006, all comments received will be summarized and responded to in a written report by the Eligible Agency in coordination with the staff of the Office of Public Instruction and the Perkins task Force. The summary of the comments and recommendations and the response of the eligible agency to such comments and recommendations shall be included in the State Plan. This State Plan will be submitted to the Montana Board of Regents for approval at its March 6, 2008 meeting and then forwarded to the U. S. Department of Education by April 1, 2008 for review and final approval.

SITE LOCATIONS:

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SITE LOCATIONS**

TIME	CITY	ADDRESS
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Helena	Helena College of Technology 1115 N. Roberts Street Helena, MT 59601
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Butte	Montana Tech Room 225 ELCB 1300 W. Park Street Butte, Mt 59702
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Havre	MSU Northern 300 11 th St. West Havre, MT 59601
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kalispell	Flathead Valley Community College LC 120 777 Grandview Drive Kalispell, MT 59903
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Miles City	Miles Community College 2715 Dickenson Street Miles City, MT 59301
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Billings	MSU Billings 214 N. Broadway Billings, MT 59103
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Missoula	University of Montana Gallagher 104 Corner of Arthur and Eddy, Rm 104 Missoula, MT 59806
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Great Falls	Great Falls College of Technology Room B-133 2100 16 th Ave. S. Great Falls, MT 59403